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North Hollywood Man Charged After Police Pursuit Through San Fernando Valley

A North Hollywood man was charged today with leading police on a 90-minute pursuit after allegedly taunting officers, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Ranna Jahanshahi said Samuel Boyadzhyan (dob 12/1/87) faces one felony count of fleeing a peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly and one misdemeanor count each of reckless driving on a highway, engaging in a motor vehicle speed contest on a highway, engaging in a motor vehicle exhibition of speed on a highway and resisting a peace officer.

Arraignment in case LAo85337 is scheduled for today in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

On Feb. 8, Boyadzhyan allegedly pulled up next to an LAPD patrol car, yelled obscenities at officers and claimed to be armed, the prosecutor said. When police attempted to pull him over the defendant reportedly led them on a pursuit through North Hollywood, Burbank, and other San Fernando Valley areas before ending at Sherman Way and Coldwater Canyon Avenue, the prosecutor added.

If convicted as charged, Boyadzhyan faces a possible maximum sentence of three years in state prison. Bail is scheduled at \$75,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, North Hollywood Division.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.